

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 9-15 as set forth below.

1. (Original) A chemical-agent access and neutralization system, comprising:  
a container having a flanged lid portion and a body portion;  
means for attaching and sealing said lid portion to said body portion to form an interior chamber; and wherein said interior chamber further includes a holder, said holder having a first and second cradle, said first cradle constructed so as to hold a chemical agent container housing a chemical agent, and said second cradle constructed so as to hold a chemical reagent container housing a neutralizing agent.
2. (Original) The chemical agent access and neutralization system as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for attaching and sealing said lid portion to said body portion further comprises said body portion having a flat upper portion wherein said flat upper portion includes a plurality of apertures, said apertures positioned circumferentially around an outer edge of said flat upper portion, and said flanged lid portion including a plurality of apertures wherein said plurality of apertures are positioned so as to correspond to said apertures of said flat upper portion.
3. (Original) The chemical agent access and neutralization system as recited in claim 2, further comprising a plurality of bolts, said bolts constructed so as to threadably engage within said plurality of apertures of said flanged lid portion and said flat upper portion of

said body, so as to secure said flanged lid portion to said upper portion in an airtight and contaminant impermeable manner.

4. (Original) The chemical agent access and neutralization system as recited in claim 2, wherein said flat upper portion further includes a groove, said groove housing an o-ring to form an airtight and contaminant impermeable seal between said flanged lid portion and said body portion.

5. (Original) The chemical agent access and neutralization system of claim 1, wherein said means for attaching and sealing said lid portion to said body portion comprises a clamp.

6. (Original) The chemical agent access and neutralization system as recited in claim 1, wherein said flanged lid portion further comprises a handle and at least one sample valve, said sample valve constructed so as to allow a sample probe to be inserted therethrough to monitor conditions within said interior chamber.

7. (Original) The chemical agent access and neutralization system as recited in claim 1, wherein an exterior surface of said body portion houses a break system and at least one sample valve; said break system comprising a screw bolt having a notched section, a flexible seal, a break rod and a closing mechanism, said break rod constructed so as to pierce said notched section, penetrate said interior chamber, and pierce said chemical agent container and said reagent container; said sample valve constructed so as to allow a

sample probe to be inserted therein for monitoring conditions within said interior chamber.

8. (Original) The chemical agent access and neutralization system as recited in claim 7, wherein said closing mechanism comprises a cap having an internally threaded portion and a chain, said cap constructed so as to threadably engage and cover said screw bolt and said flexible seal so as to form an airtight contaminant impermeable seal between said break mechanism and environment.

Claims 9-15 (Canceled)